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George:

I'm sorry that events of the day precluded my presenting your medal. I was anxious to do that, not only for old times sake, but also for an opportunity to see Betty after all these many years. Also I understand that your children were able to make it.

Thinking of your presentation, I could not help but relive some of those fantastic days [redacted]. I know we can never turn the pages back but those experiences were rather unique and I don't think that the company or those in it will have the pleasure to experience them again. I often think of [redacted] and the dynamism that he brought to his job. I often wonder how Betty had the energy to keep up with him. When you stop to think of it there aren't many of us left from the old [redacted] days--I guess that's a good hint for me. I'm not sure I will be able to enjoy the pleasures of South Harbour but after 32 years one begins to run out of new ideas.

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Peggy and I still have a mouth to feed with Peter, our youngest, a sophomore in college. It's nice to know those tuition bills will end in the not too distant future.

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I hope that your new career--even if it's a leisurely one--and new homestead will serve you well. With best wishes and good luck.

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Warm regards

John N. McMahon

*My best to Betty - cheers*

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